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- The April 11 invitation-only event will feature Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel.

- Library will be open to the public.

ORANGE, Calif., April 7, 2005 Chapman University will formally dedicate its new Sala and Aron Samueli Memorial Holocaust Library, Monday, April 11 on campus in Orange.

World-famous Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel will participate in the dedication.

The library is a gathering place, in an academic setting, for survivors, students, educators, scholars and all who want to study, reflect upon and learn from mans greatest inhumanity to man in modern times, according to Marilyn Harran, founding director of Chapmans Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and Stern Chair in Holocaust Studies.

More than collections of volumes, the Samueli Library is a living memorial, assuring that the lessons, the legacy and the voices of the Holocaust will live on for generations to come, Harran said.

The library naming honors a gift made by the Samueli Foundation, in memory of Aron and Sala Samueli, Holocaust survivors and parents of Orange County entrepreneur and philanthropist Henry Samueli.

Samueli Foundation Program Director Mike Lefkowitz believes the library embodies a key theme found in Jewish traditions and teachings. Translated, the Hebrew words *ldor ve dor* mean from generation to generation, he said.

Located on the fourth floor of Chapmans new Leatherby Libraries building, the Samueli Library underscores the universitys commitment to Holocaust and human rights education. It includes:

A high-tech resource center with Internet access to survivor testimonies and other Holocaust learning sites.

A Holocaust Survivors Room, where students and faculty can meet with and learn firsthand from survivors and visiting scholars.

The Kurt Klein Memorial Holocaust Book Collection.

The Fybel Endowment for Literature on Children of the Holocaust.

A life-sized bust of Elie Wiesel, sculpted by Newport Beach artist Miriam Baker.

The Samueli Memorial Holocaust Library is open to the public, Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. To learn more, call 714-628-7377.